Application to Participate in the Iris Exchange (IREX) IV Evaluation

1. **Who can participate?**

    1.1. Commercial organizations, academic institutions, and individuals are eligible to participate.

    1.2. Anonymous participation is not permitted.

2. **Application Procedure**

    2.1. Applicants must read this application and the IREX IV Concept, Evaluation Plan, and API Specification.

    2.2. Applicants must follow the instructions in Requirements for the Protection of Software Emailed to NIST and enter the public key fingerprint in the box below.

    2.3. Applicants must sign the "Request to Participate" section below, attach business cards for each of the signing parties, and send them to the following address:

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    IREX IV Test Liason (A214)
    100 Bureau Drive
    A214/Tech225/Stop 8940
    NIST
    Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8940
    USA
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    Signatures of both the Responsible Party and the Point of Contact (POC) are required, where

    2.3.1. The Responsible Party is an individual with the authority to commit the organization to the terms in this document.

    2.3.2. The POC is an individual with detailed knowledge of the technology that will be evaluated.

    2.3.3. The Responsible Party and POC may be the same person.

    2.4. NIST requests that applicants send an email to irex@nist.gov after they have sent their applications. NIST will respond with a confirmation message upon receipt of the application.

    2.5. Upon receipt of the signed application, NIST will classify the applicant as a "Tentative IREX IV Participant". NIST must receive the signed application and all library submissions during the submission period from **May 15th, 2012** to **July 15th, 2012**. Applicants need only send one signed application; they do not need to send a new application for each submitted library.

    2.6. NIST intends to accept all applications to participate. However, if demand exceeds its ability to properly conduct the evaluation, NIST will select participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

    2.7. Submitted libraries must fulfill the requirements outlined in Section 3 of the IREX IV Concept, Evaluation Plan, and API Specification. NIST must receive the participant's library submissions no later than **July 15th, 2012**. Submissions must be encrypted according to the procedure described in Requirements for the Protection of Software Emailed to NIST.

3. **Contact Information**

    3.1. All questions should be directed to the IREX IV Liason (irex@nist.gov). Emails sent to that address will be distributed to the IREX IV Liason as well as other NIST personnel involved in the evaluation.

    3.2. Questions and correspondences may lead to updates to the IREX IV Concept, Evaluation Plan, and API Specification.

    3.3. Interested parties and participants should not contact individual members of the NIST staff.

4. **Release of Results**

4.1. NIST will provide participants will interim reports as described in Section 2.4.2 of the IREX IV Concept, Evaluation Plan, and API Specification. These reports will include results from other participants without identifying them. NIST may show these interim reports to government personnel.

4.2. NIST will publish one or more final reports as described in Section 2.4.1 of the IREX IV Concept, Evaluation Plan, and API Specification. The report(s) will include performance results and will identify all participants.

4.3. NIST will notify participants when a final report is published.

4.4. Participants who choose to reference any results from the evaluation must include the following statement in any disseminated material: "Results presented in IREX IV reports do not constitute endorsement of any particular product by the U.S. Government." Participants must also include a link to the referenced IREX IV report.

5. **Additional Information**

5.1. Testing of participants' software will be conducted at a NIST facility.

5.2. Submissions that are not compliant with the IREX IV Concept, Evaluation Plan, and API Specification requirements cannot be tested.

5.3. Participants agree not to hold NIST, its sponsoring agencies, staff contractors, or other U.S. government agencies liable for any harm or damage that might occur as a result of participating in IREX IV.

5.4. The Government is not obligated to follow any recommendations made by participants. The U.S. Government and its agencies are prohibited from, in any way, providing special treatment or assistance to specific IREX IV participants during the evaluation. The U.S. Government and its agencies are prohibited from giving special consideration to IREX IV participants on future procurements, contracts, or collaborations.

5.5. See http://www.nist.gov/itl/iad/ig/irexiv.cfm for the latest updates and information on IREX IV.

Per the instructions in the Requirements for the Protection of Software Emailed to NIST, fill in the box below.

Participant's public-key fingerprint:	
NIST's public-key fingerprint:	846E 7008 996A E912 974C F8D7 1C7A 0F22 856B 9B28

Request to Participate

With my signature, I hereby request consideration as a participant in the Iris Exchange (IREX) IV Evaluation, and I am authorizing my company or organization to participate in IREX IV according to the rules and limitations listed in this document.

With my signature, I also state that I have the authority to accept the terms stated in this document.

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SIGNATURE, TITLE, AND ORGANIZATION OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY   DATE

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SIGNATURE, TITLE, AND ORGANIZATION OF POINT OF CONTACT   DATE